

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 17, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dave Kasten (R), Rep. Llew Jones (R),
Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 464, 2/13/2009; HB 537,
2/13/2009

Executive Action: None

Chairman Sesso asked Rep. Hiner to chair the meeting and left the room.

00:00:04 Chairwoman Hiner

HEARING ON HB 464

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on
HB 464, Improve agricultural education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:15 Rep. Harry Klock
00:05:46 Bob Runkle, Office of Public Instruction
00:07:27 Chris Christaens, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Grain
Growers
00:08:40 Chase Rose, Officer, State Future Farmers of
America
00:13:56 Chad Massar, Montana Association of Agriculture
Education

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00:17:39 Kari Hanson, Vice President, Montana Association of
Agriculture
00:19:30 Allison Rose, Future Farmers of America, Red Lodge
00:20:02 Scott Blain, Agriculture Teacher, Red Lodge
00:22:33 Ole Olsen, Agriculture Teacher, Bridger
00:24:15 Gary Mattheis, Sweet Grass County High School
00:27:01 Ramey Lunsford, Future Farmers of America, Montana
00:28:11 Milford Wearley, Choteau High School
00:30:41 Jared Long, Agriculture Teacher, Fergus
00:31:49 Kevin Fochs, Agriculture Teacher, Park High School
00:35:24 Ceily Rae Highberger, Future Farmers of America, Red
Lodge
00:36:18 Kate Hall, President, Future Farmers of America
00:37:15 Rachel Abenh, Park City High School
00:38:16 Adam Heggeland, Future Farmers of America, Deer Lodge
00:39:35 Dillan Thomas, Future Farmers of America, Clark Fork
00:40:14 Antoinette Reichert, Future Farmers of America, Red
Lodge

00:41:02 Rachel Long, Future Farmers of America, Park City
00:42:54 Robbie Jackson, Future Farmers of America, Fergus
00:43:32 Lane Nordland, Future Farmers of America, Fergus
00:44:33 Cody Donaugh, Future Farmers of America, Park City
00:45:35 Karli Clark, Future Farmers of America, Choteau
00:47:09 Catherine Callantine, Future Farmers of America,
Belgrade
00:47:54 Michael Grimland, Future Farmers of America, Columbus
00:48:29 Tyler Summers, Future Farmers of America, Columbus
00:49:05 Kord Grosserode, Future Farmers of America, Belgrade
00:50:18 Sen. Taylor Brown, SD 22

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:54 Rep. Mehlhoff

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:38 Rep. O'Hara

HEARING ON HB 537

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:33 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on
HB 537, Appropriation for rail service competition
council.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:01 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of
Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:05 Rep. Roberts
01:08:28 Mr. Lynch
01:09:59 Rep. Roberts
01:10:05 Mr. Lynch
01:10:34 Rep. Roberts

01:11:08 Mr. Lynch
01:11:23 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:11:43 Mr. Lynch
01:13:39 Rep. Hollandsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:37 Rep. Milburn

ADJOURNMENT

01:16:09 Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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